

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating at least one of a plurality of gastrointestinal disorders of a patient ~~where said disorders are characterized at least in part by abnormal gastrointestinal system activity attributable at least in part to altered autonomic balance, said method comprising:~~

~~electrically stimulating an enteric nervous system of said patient to enhance a functional tone of said enteric nervous system;~~

~~applying said stimulation with frequency of occurrence selected to elevate nerve activity sufficient to relieve symptoms; treating said gastrointestinal disorder by applying a neural conduction block to a vagal branch or trunk innervating an alimentary tract organ and with said neural conduction block selected to at least partially block both afferent and efferent nerve impulses at a site of application of said block.~~

2.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~5~~ wherein said nerve conduction block is a cryogenic block.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~5~~ wherein said proximal nerve conduction block is a pharmacologic block.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~5~~ wherein said proximal nerve conduction block is an electrical conduction block.

9.-14. (Cancelled)